

United States Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service

WEEKLY WATERFOWL POPULATION SUMMARY

Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge

Refuge Total

February 16, 2006
Survey Period

Tundra Swan			Redhead	
Trumpeter Swan			Ring-necked Duck	877
Canada Goose	2,538		Canvasback	
Brant			Scaup	12
White-fronted Goose	52		Common Goldeneye	
Snow Goose	2		Bufflehead	
Ross's Goose			Ruddy Duck	
			Hooded Merganser	
Mallard	5,262		Common Merganser	
Black Duck	52		Red-breasted Merganser	
Gadwall	2,023		American Coot	24
American Wigeon	567		Eagles:	
Pintail	1,690		Bald (Adult)	
Green-winged Teal			Bald (Immature)	
Blue-winged Teal			Golden (Adult)	1
Shoveler	48		Golden (Immature)	
Wood Duck	106		Other:	
Unidentified Ducks			Other:	

TOTALS:	Swan	0	Geese	2,590	Duck	10,637	Eagles	1
							Bald	
							Golden	X

	Geese	Ducks
Change From Last Survey Conducted This Year	-43%	-40%
Change From Last Year Survey During the Same Period of the Year	+20%	-20%
Change From 5-Year Average During the Same Period of the Year	- < 1%	- 7%
Change From 10-Year Average During the Same Period of the Year	- 41%	-15%

Survey Details: X Ground Aerial Water 100 % of Area

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Date Conducted:

Pacheco & Welker
(Observers)

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Supplementary Information

Waterfowl Activity: The highest numbers of waterfowl were observed in Pool 7, Upper Pool 4 and Lower Pool 4. Mallards, gadwall & Pintails were the most frequent species observed. Canada geese continued to be a large component of the species mix.

Hunting Pressure and Success: No hunt in progress on refuge.

Weather: Morning low temperatures were 56°F with rain. As the morning progressed, the rain cleared & skies became partly cloudy. The afternoon high was 63°F moderate to strong winds rotated thru the area with the approaching front. Morning winds were from the N/NW & afternoon winds from the S/SE.

Habitat: Once again, most waterfowl were observed feeding & loafing in wooded areas (sheltered from the wind) & in flooded moist soil plants or remaining crops.

Reported by: Karen Pacheco, Refuge Manager